

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

It would be a better fee if the amount was based on a percentage of minutes used such as sales tax. Right now it is approximately 1% for me and I would be happy to pay an increase in that fee based on an increase in minutes used if that were enacted, but a flat fee for all users would not be acceptable. I rarely use more than thirty to sixty minutes per month in long distance minutes compared to those who frequently use over two hundred minutes per week. I also do not have nationwide free long distance so I pay a fee for long distance minutes already. A usage percentage increase in the fee would be a more realistic way to invoke a higher revenue base and provide the necessary funds to accomplish your goals.

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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